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In re Application of  
Stephen B. Auger  
Serial Number: 08/865,419  
Filed: May 28, 1997  
For: Mineral Stains For Wood  
And Other Substrates

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DECISION  
ON  
PETITION

This is in response to the request filed March 20, 2003, requesting permission for withdrawal as attorney from the above-identified application.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks requires that there be at least 30 days between approval of withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). This is so that the applicant will have sufficient time to obtain other representation or take other action. If a period has been set for reply and the period may be extended without a showing of cause pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) by filing a petition for extension of time and fee, the practitioner will not be required to seek such extension of time for withdrawal to be approved. In such a situation, however, withdrawal will not be approved unless at least 30 days would remain between the date of approval and the last date on which such a petition for extension of time and fee could properly be filed.

In this case there is less than thirty days between approval of withdrawal of the current attorney of record and the expiration date of a time response period and there is no evidence, presently of record, that applicant was given timely notice of the withdrawal by the attorney.

The Request is **Denied**.

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